

Mount Florida Community Council

Minutes of the (Zoom) Meeting of 28 September 2021 7p.m.

Present: Community Councillors B. Hidding, J. MacDonald (Minutes), J. Pollock, R. Pollock
Also attending: Cllr Anna Richardson

1. Welcome and Apologies:

Judith chaired the zoom meeting, which is to be regarded as a regular community council meeting, and welcomed those attending. Apologies were received from Chris Carus, Mark Charwood, Claire Charwood, Natasha Visser, Robbie Warringham and Amber Mohammed.

2. Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the August meeting were approved (proposed Robert, seconded Bernhard).

3. Matters Arising:

(i) Church: small hall availability – the church is now taking bookings; however the small hall will be out of commission for a couple of months as plaster on the ceiling needs repair. . They have protocol in place for meetings – a one-way system, and the group using the room has to clean all chairs, equipment etc at close of meeting. There is a digital overhead projector which can be used to project zoom images, so we could have hybrid meetings but would have to work out whether an additional microphone would be required. Anna suggested that hybrid meetings might be technically very difficult and suggested alternating meetings between in-person and online. We could apply for a discriminatory grant if we need additional equipment.

Action ➤ Robert and Judith will liaise with Ruth on the hall let and we will revisit this in November.

(ii) Local Area grant – Robert shared information about funding and will follow up.

(iii) Amber had contacted Hampden and Get Ready Glasgow about parking. There has been little consultation with the local community or the Community Council even though our participation request was granted. Denise and Christine have not really had any communication with us since this was set up, so it does not mean anything in real terms. We may consider withdrawing from the scheme. Amber has asked for more communications from Hampden; they are not willing to increase the number of newsletters sent out, and they will not come to our meetings, but are prepared to send a written note. We do not feel that they are engaging sufficiently with the local community.

Bernhard asked how other large venues engage with their local communities. Anna will speak to colleagues and report back.

4. Summary of Correspondence:

(i) Clincarthill Church has asked us to publicise their prayer box on the railings on our social media. We have advertised community events etc previously.

Action ➤ Robert will check with Chris before we post.

5. Treasurer's Report (Judith Pollock):

(i) Judith had circulated the report in advance of the meeting. As this is the start of the new financial year, there have been no new transactions.

(ii) Gordon (on the GOMoFlo group) has spoken to the school about the money remaining from the Living Streets project. They will put signage on the school gates and railings. The invoice (around £560) is awaited. We agreed that any remaining money should be transferred to the general funds.

6. Ward Councillor's Report (Anna Richardson):

(i) The consultation on Liveable Neighbourhoods will begin soon.

(ii) The Active Travel strategy is going out for consultation on 12th October. It has been upgraded; they are keen to get wide-ranging responses from communities.

(iii) There has been a lot of concern about fly tipping. Resources had been set aside to deal with any increase, but fly tipping has remained at the same level as before. A new area-based approach has been launched to give residents and businesses more information. People will be encouraged to report fly tipping as an environmental crime.

(iv) Street sweeping: a new fleet of vehicles is now in operation.

(v) Area Partnership: An allocation of parks and open spaces funding has provisionally been approved. There has been agreement to take some projects forward, including the path into the rec's, and a feasibility study into benches for the rec's etc. Officers will develop these and report back to the next Area Partnership meeting for approval.

(vi) Anna agreed to look into problems with recycling bins being uplifted along with general waste bins. There have been operational challenges with a high absence rate among cleansing department staff, but this should not be happening regularly.

(vii) City network issues will be addressed in the draft strategy. This will take a decade to build so issues can be taken into account as they occur.

(viii) Waste and recycling: the council does not always communicate information on waste strategy very well. Newspapers don't tend to take up positive stories. We had complained about the lack of glass bins in the Cathcart Road area - the map of recycling points looks unbalanced. A glass bin has been promised but distribution seems clustered and not evenly distributed. Robbie has been making some headway with pointing out discrepancies. We also need more street food waste bins. Anna will take this up with the resource and recycling strategy team.

(ix) Open Spaces: Bernhard asked when and how this will come through (bollards, etc). Rachel Smith of Parks Development is working through projects; money has been allocated and the project will keep going beyond next March. There had been some concern raised about the maintenance of mosaic art on the bollards etc., but it was pointed out that others elsewhere in the city have been in situ for some years without need for maintenance. Anna will find out more.

7. Community Police Report (sent from PC Ahmad):

In relation to Community Crime Prevention in the Mount Florida area, Police are continuing to address the bike theft issue in the subdivision, Operation Optimize, led by officers from Gorbals police station. Prevention specifically is continuing with police attending residential households to encourage bike registration as well as poster distribution to raise awareness of the benefits of the bike registration scheme.

Regarding crime trends, I've collated Calls to Police (in italics) and substantiated crimes (in normal font), month on month from July - August 2021 against August - September 2021.

There are no obvious trends, apart from a noticeable drop in theft from Motor Vehicle. For a more meaningful examination of trends a more thorough analysis and standardised comparison over a longer period (and a broader area) would be required.

Jul - Aug

Public nuisance (ASB) - 4

Youth ASB - 2

Neighbour dispute - 1

Road Traffic Offences (dangerous driving / careless driving) - 3

Theft of Bike - 0

House break-in - 1

Vandalism - 3

Theft of Motor vehicle - 0

Theft from Motor Vehicle - 4

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8. Community Council Elections:

Community Councillors are reminded to attend the AGM, as the accounts have to be approved and office bearers appointed.

9. Letherby:

Gavin and Judith have been busy, and a new SusTrans officer has been appointed. The next stage is to take the project to the technical design. The Sustrans process is very clumsy for applications from community groups like ours. We will know about the next stage of the Sustrans funding in November. Judith and Gavin met with three members of the Liveable

Neighbourhoods team- Derek Dunsire, Nick Cotton and Alex Robb. All were invited to tonight's meeting. The officers were supportive of the Letherby Triangle Project.

10. Liveable Neighbourhoods Plan:

(i) The Liveable Neighbourhood consultation was to have started yesterday but has been delayed, but we will help publicise the consultation in due course. This will be carried out by Wave Particle. It was asked whether there would be fundamental changes to the streetscape, as we don't just want temporary artworks. We should identify all the ideas we have for improving the area

(ii) A lot of money has been committed for active travel; this has still to be allocated. There needs to be a change of culture to ensure that the money is well spent.

(iii) Signing works have apparently been completed for Cathcart Road but we have not seen anything of this.

(iv) There is no plan with regard to the Prospecthill Rd/Cathcart Rd junction; the Battlefield project stops short. Things have to be tackled in a more joined-up way so problems are not moved on to neighbouring areas. Projects need to be rolled out faster.

11. AOCB:

(i) Bus build-outs and bollards: the bollards in our area look quite shabby, but apparently only conservation areas get smarter looking bollards. Is there any potential to improve the look of the bollards?

14. Close.

Next meeting: AGM, Tuesday 26th October 2021 at 7pm, online (Zoom).